

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Behavioral health is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness; and,

*Whereas*, Promotion of mental health and prevention of substance use works, treatment is effective and people recover in our area and around the nation; and,

*Whereas*, We must encourage relatives and friends of people with mental and/or substance use to utilize preventive measures, recognize the signs of a problem, and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and,

*Whereas*, In 2013, 2.5 million people ages 12 or older received substance use treatment at a specialty facility and 34.6 million adults, ages 18 or older received mental health services, according to the *2013 National Survey on Drug Use and Health*, and given the serious nature of this public health problem, we must continue to reach the millions more who need help:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 2016 as

## **RECOVERY MONTH**

in South Dakota.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fourth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.



*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Shantel Krebs*  
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State